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Man Sentenced to Prison for Raping Teenager in 2013

A 50-year-old man was sentenced today to 158 years to life years in prison after he was convicted of drugging and raping a 14-year-old girl nearly two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On April 21, a jury found William G. Cortez guilty of four felony counts: forcible rape – child victim over 14 years, forcible oral copulation – minor victim over 14 years, and two counts of adult using minor in case VA134949.

At today's sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mildred Escobedo also ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender for life.

Deputy District Attorney Michael DeRose, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 28, 2013, Cortez met two 14-year-old girls and brought them to a house to smoke methamphetamine.

One of the girls decided to go home, but the other 14-year-old was too intoxicated to leave, the prosecutor said.

Cortez injected the remaining teen with methamphetamine and then raped the girl, the prosecutor said.

The victim's mother went looking for her daughter and learned from the other 14-year-old where Cortez took the girl, the prosecutor said. The mother located her daughter and then contacted authorities about the sexual assault.

Authorities subsequently arrested Cortez in connection with the incident.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.